

### **REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed May 27, 2005 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 6 and 7 are canceled without prejudice. Claim 9 is redrafted into independent form, but is not otherwise revised. Claims 11-22 are added. Claims 1-5 and 8-22 are pending, the independent claims being 1 and 8-10. Claims 1, 3-5 and 8-10 are amended. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

The drawings stand objected to for lack of "PRIOR ART" legends for FIGs. 1 and 2. A replacement sheet is enclosed which makes this correction.

The drawings also stand objected to based on reference numbers. The applicant respectfully disagrees with what item 3, in (b) and (c), suggests regarding the reference numbers. The applicant respectfully submits that the objection cannot be sustained. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

The specification stands objected to for informalities. Except for item 4(e), these are now corrected. As to 4(e), the first occurrence of "to" serves to emphasize what is split away and what is not split away. This basis for objection cannot be sustained.

Claim 6 is objected to for improper dependency. The cancellation of claim 6 makes moot this ground for objection, whose merits will not further be treated herein.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for indefinite grammar.

Claim 3, as amended, is believed to overcome this ground of rejection.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 8-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,886,732 to Humpleman in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,038,625 to Ogino.

Claim 9 recites, ". . . splitting decoding authorization data from a received digital television signal," whereas Humpleman discloses merely the separation of video and audio from other data of a signal, possibly text. The passage cited by the Office Action in Ogino does not disclose "decoding authorization data." Nor do the references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest, for example, that "decoding authorization data" is physically together with the media-bearing signal, as opposed to being transferred separately or at different times.

For at least the above reasons, the combination of references the Office Action proposes fails to render obvious the present invention as recited in claim 9. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claim 1, as amended, recites, ". . . transferring, over a network linking the plural sets and from a source from among said arrangements to a destination from among said arrangements, a decryption key usable for conditional access by the respective cryptographic engine of the destination arrangement . . ."

The Office Action cites to a passage in Ogino about one device, in the abstract, receiving data from another device. Thus, for example, a VCR retrieves the channel number which the viewer is watching, and records that channel number when the user selects the "quick record" button. There is no disclosure or suggestion in any of the applied references, alone or in combination, of sharing authorization data such as encryption keys.

For at least the above reasons, claim 1 distinguishes patentably over the references of record.

Claim 8, as amended, recites, ". . . a conditional access module configured for the input and output of decryption keys serving to control the decoding of the digital television signal either locally within the apparatus by means of said input or remotely at further digital television apparatus by means of said output."

Claim 8 is deemed patentable over the applied references for at least the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1.

Claim 10, as amended, recites, ". . . transferring a decryption key from a conditional access module of a digital decoding arrangement associated with one television set for operation in association with a conditional access module of a digital decoding arrangement associated with another television set."

Claim 10 is deemed patentable over the applied references for at least the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1.

Support for the amendment of the independent claims 1, 8 and 10 is found in the specification (e.g., page 2, lines 9-13; page 5, line 31 - page 6, line 3; FIG. 4, ref. nos. 60, 62 and accompanying text).

Support for the amendment of claim 3 is found in FIG. 5 and accompanying text in the specification.

Claims 4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Humpleman in view of Ogino and U.S. Patent No. 6,826,699 to Sun.

Claim 4 depends from claim 1, and Sun cannot compensate for the shortcomings of the other references.

New claims 11 and 20 find support in the specification (e.g., FIG. 4, ref. no. 78 and accompanying text).

New claims 12 and 21 find support in the specification (e.g., page 8, lines 4-10).

New claims 13 and 22 find support in FIG. 5, ref. nos. 54, 56, 58.

New claims 14, 17 and 19 find support in the specification (e.g., page 7, lines 10-13).

New claim 15 finds support in the specification (e.g., page 7, lines 10-13) and in FIG. 5, ref. nos. 54, 56, 58.

New claim 16 finds support in claim 9, in FIG. 4, ref. no. 74 and accompanying text in the specification.

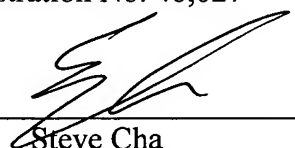
A check for \$200.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee for adding one independent claim in excess of three.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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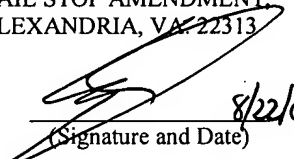
  
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**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

A replacement sheet for FIGs. 1-3 is enclosed, in which the legend "PRIOR ART" has been added to FIGs. 1 and 2.